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RECOMBINANT BACTERIAL STRAIN FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL

NUCLEOSIDES AND MODIFIED ANALOGUES THEREOF

## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231 October 9, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows: